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# How To Make A Magic Bag

Photo by Kamilla

# Magic Bag

Cut fabric- 7” x 36” will make a bag w/ an opening of about 5.5” wide x 7” deep.  I use 1/4” seam allowances.

For other sizes- add 1.5” to your finished width.  For depth, (Dx5)+1”. Flaps should be about 1/3 of the depth of your pouch.

- fold fabric in half with right sides together so that you have a 7 inch wide by 18 inch rectangle

- Sew the two sides with a quarter inch seam allowance leaving one end open

- Turn the piece right side out. Poke the corners out & press the seams flat.

- Tuck the raw edges of the opening inside and sew shut

- Fold the long rectangle into a pouch shape with a flap that covers about a third of the pouch
- Sew each side from top to bottom
- Trim your threads

Voila! You have a Magic Bag!
It was named that because it ‘magically’ encloses an object w/o any snaps, buttons or zippers.

Before ziplock sandwich bags, there were fold top baggies. They held the sandwich in & were cheaper,  but didn’t lock in smells & liquids as well as the ziplocks. Before baggies, people used plastic wrap to wrap their sandwiches and before plastic wrap, there was wax paper or wax paper bags for wrapping sandwiches.

Society has come full circle as we try to reduce our use of plastics and now you can see wax paper and wax paper bags in the stores again.